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UKAZ OF MARCH 10 HAD THESE COMMENTS ON SECRETARY'S VISIT
UNDER TITLE "KISSINGER AND THE LEGITIMATE PALESTINIAN
RIGHTS":

"KISSINGER'S TOUR IN THE AREA COMES AMIDST EVENTS MOST
OF WHICH ARE PROBABLY NOT IN FAVOR OF HIS PEACE EFFORTS
UNLESS HE CHANGES THE COURSE HE HAD PURSUED IN PREVIOUS
TOURS. MANY COUNTRIES HAVE ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RE-
LATIONSHIPS WITH THE PLO AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, SO FAR NOT RE-
COGNIZED BY KISSINGER IN HIS EARLIER TRIPS. IN-AS-MUCH AS
ANY PEACEFUL STATEMENT SHOULD FIRST OF ALL SOLVE THE
PALESTINIAN PEOPLE'S PROBLEM, KISSINGER'S MISSION WILL
BE DOOMED TO FAILURE FROM THE VERY BEGINNING IF HIS
PORTFOLIO DOES NOT INCLUDE ANY PROPOSALS CONCERNING THE
RECOGNITION OF THE PLO. THUS, IF HE REALLY WANTS HIS
EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH A BREAKTHROUGH, IT IS NECESSARY
THAT HE SHOULD CONVEY AS A PRELUDE TO SEEKING A SOLUTION,
A U.S. RECOGNITION OF THE PLO AS THE SOLE LEGITIMATE
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE."
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